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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: US POLICY ON STATUS OF SOVERIEGNTY ON WEST BANK

IN MY MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL MARCH 1,
QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO U.S. POSITION ON STATUS OF
SOVEREIGNTY IN WEST BANK AND GAZA. I TOLD KAMEL IT WAS MY
UNDERSTANDING THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT PENDING A FINAL
PEACE SETTLEMENT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY WAS UNRESOLVED,
BUT I TOLD HIM I WOULD LIKE TO QUERY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE
GIVING HIM A MORE DEFINITIVE RESPONSE ON MY NEXT VISIT TO
CAIRO MARCH 6-7. IN LOOKING THROUGH OUR TRAVELING LIBRARY
WE FIND WE HAVE A PAPER DONE IN THE SUMMER OF LAST YEAR
ENTITLED "LEGAL STATUS OF ISRAEL'S BOUNDARIES AND OF THE
WEST BANK." WHILE THIS BEARS ON SUBJECT AND IS HELPFUL, IT
DOES NOT FOCUS ON THE U.S. POSITION IN THIS ISSUE. I
WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF NEA, INR AND L COULD SEND ME
TELEGRAPHICALLY BY MARCH 6 A STATEMENT OF CURRENT U.S.
POLICY, AND THE RATIONALE THEREFOR. I WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE ANY CITATIONS OF WHAT WE SAID ON THE SUBJECT IN
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THE EARLY FIFTIES IN RESPONSE TO JORDAN'S ASSERTION OF
SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE WEST BANK.
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